(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The execution of the project has been entrusted to the North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation which is a regional agency.

Alternative sources of energy

3375 SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which depend only on hydel power;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up thermal/nuclear power plants as alternative sources of energy for these States;

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated to be taken in the near future; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The major States which at present depend mainly on hydro power are Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala and Meghalaya.

(b) to (d) There are proposals to set up (i) a Gas Turbine plant (3 X 25 MW) in Jammu & Kashmir, and (ii) a Thermal Power Station (420 MW) in Kerala.

Closing down unit by WMI (Cranes) Limited, Bombay

3376. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the WMI (Cranes) Limited, Bombay, which is associated with Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, Neyveli for its expansion projects, has since closed down its unit and thus is unable to execute the given contracts;

(b) whether the NLC has already given huge advance money for the given job;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what further action is being contemplated to be taken in the matter to ensure, inter alia, recovery of NLC's money and to cancel the orders?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. One out of several manufacturing units handling the fabrication of parts for spreaders to be supplied by WMI (Cranes) Ltd. for Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.s' Second Mine Expansion project is reported to be experiencing a strike by workers. This has not affected the progress of execution of the contract as WMI has assured that arrangements have been made with other units for handling this work.

(b) and (c) Two advance payments of Rs. 20,108,302/- each have been made to WMI Cranes Ltd. on 17th July, 1986 and 27th December, 1986.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of streptomycin, Vitamin B1 etc.

3377. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Streptomycin, Vitamin B1, Erythromycin, Vitamin B6, Tetracycline, Vitamin B2 and certain other drugs from basic stages would suffer as system of pooled price and retention price would be dispensed with;

(b) whether it is a fact that these drugs are produced in the country and are under price control;

(c) if so, what are the names of the producers along with the production of each drug of each producer during the last three years; and

(d) what is the price fixed for each producer under DPCO 1979 and how tariff mechanism will protect the interest of indigenous producer in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The new Drug Price Control Order is likely to be announced by the Government shortly.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details required in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. Time and efforts required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) To the extent information is available, required details are given in the attached Statement. (*See* below) Protection to indigenous producers will be provided by suitably enhancing the rates of customs duty on imports, wherever necessary.

Statement

Sr. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Price fixed by the Govt. for indigenous producers (Rs./Kg.)	
1	Streptomycin Sulphate	804·79	(for M/s. Synbiotics)
		1147·00	(for producers other than M/Synbiotics)
2	Vitamin B-1 Hcl (Oral)	950·00	
	Vitamin B-1 (Amp.)	1005·00	
	Vitamin B-1 Mononitrate	1011.50	
3	Erythromycin Base	2220·62	
	Erythromycin Estolate	1992·50	
	Erythromycin Stearate	1648·00	
4	Vitamin B-6	1200·00	
5	Tetracycline Base	746·36	
	Tetracycline Hcl	971·00	
6	Vitamin B-2	2098.00	

Category I Drugs identified for price control

3378. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has received the list of drugs identified for price control for category I;

(b) if so, when and what is the number of such drugs;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry referred back the list to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and

(d) if so, when and what are the reasons for referring back the list to Health Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.